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In re Application of	:	
John Willard Howard, Dan Martin Scott and	:	
Darin Wayne Higgins	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Application No. 09/821,172	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)
Filed: March 29, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. 03030.0002-03	:	

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.48(a)," filed September 19, 2005.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application was filed on March 29, 2001. Darin Wayne Higgins and Dan Martin Scott were named as joint inventors. On September 19, 2005, the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.48(a) was filed to correct the inventorship and add joint inventor John Willard Howard.

In view of the papers filed September 19, 2005, it has been found that this nonprovisional application, as filed, through error and without deceptive intent, improperly set forth the inventorship, and accordingly, this application has been corrected in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(a). The inventorship of this application has been changed by the addition of joint inventor John Willard Howard.

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for issuance of a corrected filing receipt, and correction of Office records to reflect the inventorship as corrected.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3228.

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